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Washington Convention

WHAT WE SAW AND HEARD AT THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION.

Read Before Y. P. S. C. E. of Forest Presbyterian Church BY MISS ANNIE B. ELLISON.



He outlook for the convention was rather gloomy when we arrived in Washington Wednesday afternoon in the midst of a pouring rain, but the baggage men were so kind in helping us get our baggage, the street car conductor looked as though it were a privilege to help arrange it in the car, and every one gave us such kindly looks that we concluded Washington was glad to have us in spite of the extra work we were giving her, and thought the least we could do was to look as bright as possible and not mind the rain.

As it was still raining at 7:30 we decided to attend a Christian lecture in the First Presbyterian church, it being near us. The church was well filled when we arrived and in a few minutes the presiding officer, Rev. D. W. Shellenberg of Washington, D. C., introduced the lecturer, Rev. F. S. Dobbins of Philadelphia, who, as soon as the lights were turned out, gave us views taken from celebrated paintings. Accompanying each picture were the words of an appropriate hymn. The words stood out distinctly from their white background and every one joined in singing a verse or two of each as it was presented. After this Mr. Dobbins told us some very interesting things of "The Land of the Rising Sun," and showed some very pretty pictures of it and its people. Then followed a short talk (also illustrated) on China and India which brought the meeting to a close.

During the night tent Williston was blown down but the meetings, except the one for Thursday morning, were held in the hall over the Center Market. The speakers for Thursday morning were divided between the other two tents as was the choir also.

Thursday morning we attended the meeting held in tent Endeavor. Rev. H. B. Grose of Boston presided and Mr. E. O. Excell was musical director. Promptly at 9:30 the meeting was opened by singing "Scatter Sunshine" (which is still the most popular C. E. hymn), followed by "I will sing the Wonderful Story" and a prayer by Dr. Tyler of Cleveland.

Then we sang "The Banner of the Cross" and were led in reading Matt. 5, 1-12 by Rev. Jesse Colter who also offered a prayer. This was followed by singing the hymn of invocation written by Col. John Hay, Commissioner of the District of Columbia, in the name of the pastors of Washington.

Next was an address by Prof. Andrews of N. B., followed by Mr. Baer's report during the reading of which he was annoyed by the barking of a little dog. Finally he said "I am a Baer but I have never attempted to compete with a dog." This caused a laugh and the dog was removed.

Mr. Baer was obliged to read his report in tent Washington, so Mr. Shaw finished it for him in our tent. The dog commenced again and at one point every word Mr. Shaw said was followed by a bow-wow from the dog, the former could scarcely finish for laughing but the dog was at last carried out.

The Junior banner for absolute increase in societies was presented to Pa. and the banner for proportionate increase, to Mexico. Dr. McCrory took charge of the former, and Mr. Peter Grand of the latter. Mr. Sankey sang "Sweet Peace the Gift of God's Love," and then a burst of tumultuous applause which was almost deafening as President Clark arose to make his annual address. I wish I could give it to you as he delivered it. I cannot do that, neither have I time to give you any part of it, but will be glad to loan you a printed copy of it and also Mr. Baer's report, which contains some interesting and valuable facts. One of which is of especial interest to our denomination, and that is, our Young People's Societies in the United States number 5488 which is 1340 more than those of any other denomination, our Juniors number 3280, which is 622 more than any other. In Canada the Methodists lead, as also in Australia, while the Baptists are first in Great Britain.

We attended the Presbyterian rally in the same tent in the afternoon, and, as a reporter said, "the weather did not have any effect on the Presbyterians because the tent was full, and that meant 10,000 people." The singing led by Mr. Excell was grand, the time perfection it itself. While reading the 23rd Psalm, the sun came out for a moment and made a very pleasing effect but it went back again as soon as we had finished. Interesting addresses were made by Dr. Service, Mr. Baer, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Coyle, and Mr. Withrow. Mr. Baer and Dr. Withrow were applauded almost continuously, and told us lots of things which made us, as Presbyterians, feel very good. An appeal was made to us in behalf of the Home Mission Board, and we pledged ourselves to raise at least \$25 each by the first week in November and also to notify our societies.

In the evening we went to tent Washington and heard the same good singing, this time led by Mr. Bilhorn. "Christian Citizenship" was the topic and three excellent addresses were made by John Wansmaker, Rev. H. H. Russell, and Rev. R. S. MacArthur, the latter being especially interesting.

Friday morning we again went to tent Endeavor. There were several able addresses, one by Mrs. Clark and another by Dr. Work, singing, "The Ninety and Nine" by Sankey, then "Throw out the Life Line" by every one, and I mean every one. It was magnificent. Rev. W. F. Wilson of Toronto spoke of "The Joy of Soul Winning," and Bishop Baldwin, also of Canada, made an address, and a colored octet sang.

Friday evening, tent Washington, President Clark presiding, Mr. Foster musical director, subject "Saved to Serve." Addresses were made by Mr. Wells, our old friend Dr. Withrow, and Dr. Stanley, all of which were more than good and no possible fault in the singing.

The next meeting we attended was the open air one, east of the Capitol, Saturday afternoon. It was so well attended that but little could be seen, except people, across the entire front of the building. The most inspiring part was the opening hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty," in which many thousands joined in singing.

Saturday evening we attended a state rally at our headquarters, where we spent a very pleasant evening, thanks to the C. E. society of the church (The Church of the Reformation).

Sunday morning went to N. Y. Avenue Presbyterian church and had to sit on the gallery stairs. Only heard about a dozen words of the sermon, but, as all the other churches in that neighborhood were just as full, it was the best that could be done.

We went to a Presbyterian Missionary meeting in the afternoon. Again we were out in full force in spite of the heat, and were well repaid by the excellent singing and addresses by Miss Jones, Rev. B. Fay Mills, and Dr. Service.

Then we went to an Evangelical meeting in tent Washington in charge of Rev. B. Fay Mills, and enjoyed it immensely. In the evening went to The Church of the Covenant (Presbyterian), and were fortunate enough to get seats. Heard a very good sermon from Dr. Hoyt of Philadelphia.

Monday evening was the next meeting we attended as it was also the last one. We went to tent Washington to the consecration service presided over by Dr. Clark. The tent was full and many standing outside, the latter mostly bicyclists.

Bishop Baldwin gave us a very good sermon, and the singing was the same as usual. After the sermon the roll of states and countries was called, and, with a very few exceptions, responded to. Some times it would be only a verse repeated by a few voices, and again it would be a hymn sung by a score or more. When the District of Columbia was called almost the entire choir of over 1000 arose and sang "I'll Live for Thee." Dr. Clark gave the choir a verse of scripture to carry away with them, the ministers another, the missionaries still another, and then called for the men, and when they arose, a great body of them, he said he wished those were there who say we have no men in our churches that they might see them.

After giving them a verse one was given to the women. Now he asked all active Christian Endeavorers to rise and raise their right hands while they repeated the following words: "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength we pledge ourselves to remain true to our covenant obligations, viz. Personal devotion to our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, Loyalty to our church and denomination. Ever ready to answer the call for service in the interest of soul-winning, missionary extension, Christian citizenship and Christian fellowship."

The convention was then adjourned. Washington spared no expense or trouble in decorating the city, in erecting and decorating the three large tents with their seating capacity of 10,000 each, training a choir of 4000 voices to whose singing no description can do justice, throwing open her churches, and in fact doing everything possible for our pleasure and comfort and I only hope that her impression of us is as pleasant as ours of her.

I heard lots of pleasant things said about us and I want to tell you two of them. One was said by a boarding-house keeper. In her house were about two dozen young people, they were from three different states and represented six different denominations. As she expressed it she had never seen strangers "take to each other" as they did. Most of them were strangers when they came but all were friends when they left, and so pleasant and polite, why even the servants caught the spirit and never grumbled at anything.

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Our Woman'sColumn



HARMING women, who devoted to their homes and their husbands, may yet be so tactless, thoughtfulness and aggravating as to drive husbands to the extreme of misery.

Any observant bachelor," says a writer in London Woman, "could recall numbers of instances of women who, from mere want of tact and intelligence, are almost driving their husbands mad by getting on their nerves. They forget that busy men require absolute brain rest, change of scene, change of subject. They forget that, however worrying the little affairs of a household may be, the anxieties of a great business upon which the whole family's present and future depends are far greater. A friend of mine, who is nearly a millionaire, told me in confidence that while he was sitting one night over his smoking room fire wondering whether he could next day possibly survive a terrible crisis which was hanging over his head and might lead to disastrous bankruptcy, with debts to the extent of \$200,000, his wife came whining into the room to say the butcher must be paid the next day and the amount of the butcher's bill was under \$50!"

"It is a sad story," says a man who is a helpful wife—one who will tell him about or read aloud the last good novel, who will say, "Come, let us go to the theatre, to-night; let us go to a change of scene, and above all, one who knows just when her husband requires nothing more than to be left alone. It is women who get on their husbands' nerves that drives them to take bachelor holidays when they ought to be getting more enjoyment from the wife's companionship.

"Of course there are men who are always out of sorts, spiteful, despicable bears with sore heads, who require strong minds to manage them, but there are very many others who only want judicious, sympathetic treatment to be the best husbands in the world. Avoid being silly, avoid saying silly things or trying to make conversation on unimportant matters. Read and think in order to cultivate intelligence and resourcefulness, with the object in view of being his counselor and his friend, and above all 'chum'—that word means much."

A LIBRARY ABOUT WOMEN. Colonel Thomas Wentworth Higginson was the possessor of the most famous library extant about women, and he has just given it to the Radcliffe Library. The collection was started in 1846, and two continents were ransacked in the making of it. It contains a fine account of the famous women scholars and professors in the Italian universities in the middle ages, and of many more forgotten women who contributed to literature in Italy, Spain, Portugal, France, Austria, Germany and Great Britain before this century.

It has complete records of another strange field. The women who have distinguished themselves in European warfare are still there. The list, which is an unknown one to-day, includes women of title and of the bourgeoisie who wore armor, led troops and fought battles. The largest number of these heroines is found in the north of France, in Brittany and Normandy, where the fierce blood of the Norsemen had made itself felt. Another section of the library is devoted to women who have made names in abstract sciences, philosophy and professions; women who excelled in commerce and manufactures, and those who attained fame as rulers are also in the list.

WHAT THEIR DUTIES ARE. Such a thing couldn't happen to-day, nor five, ten, fifteen nor even twenty years ago. It did, however, happen about twenty-five years back, and it was told at a luncheon this spring by a gray-haired matron. "I was then a young housewife," she said, "and as with all housewives, both young and old, my main difficulty was servants. One morning, after much discouragement in many ways at the 'intelligent office'—so called by all the servants—I at length selected two trim-looking negro girls, and began to question them as to their capabilities. 'Can you cook?' 'Can you wash?' 'Can you scrub?' 'I asked, but to these, and all similar inquiries, I received a blank 'No.' 'Well, said I, in final desperation, 'what can you do? You say that you have worked all your lives in a Virginia family—looked what did you work at?' The girl at me wonderfully. Then, with much dignity, the elder said: 'I used to look for Mars John's spears,' while the younger quickly added: 'An' I used to keep the flies off'n old mias.'"

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CORN FRITTERS. Corn fritters are delicious. To make them cut twelve good-sized ears of corn down the center of each row and with a knife scrape off the pulp. To the corn add the beaten yolks of two eggs, salt and pepper and a cup of milk. Stir in flour enough to make a soft batter and beat hard before adding one teaspoonful of baking powder and the beaten whites of the eggs. Have a kettle of hard boiling water; test it with a piece of bread. Drop the mixture

into the hot fat by the spoonful and cook a light brown. Take out with a wire spoon and drain on paper. Serve very hot.

A COBBLER.

The Southern cobbler, though it is a richly seasoned dish of fruit baked in a crust of pastry, has more of the nature of a pudding than of pie. It should be baked in an earthenware pudding dish at least three and a half inches deep. It has no bottom crust, but a crust at the sides and top. The richest and ripest peaches are selected for a "cobbler." Some variety of the yellow peach is usually chosen for this purpose, of its superior richness.

Butter a deep earthenware pudding dish and line it at the sides with pastry, and don't forget that a cobbler is a dish worthy of the best efforts of the pastry-maker. The old-time colored cook of the South designed to use nothing but the choicest puff pastry for her cobbler. Peel enough ripe and luscious peaches to fill the dish. Tear them, in two, leaving the pits in. They are supposed to impart a superior flavor to the dish. Sweeten the peaches abundantly. Cover the dish with a layer of puff paste, sealing it down carefully at the sides to the border of pastry to prevent its boiling over. The cobbler is then baked in a quick oven for about one hour. If there is any danger of the crust scorching, cover it with paper.

When it is nearly done draw the dish to the mouth of the oven, dredge it with powdered sugar, and put it back in the oven to bake for a few moments longer, when the sugar should be melted to glaze. This simple dish, made in perfection, was the peach cobbler of the South of ante-bellum memories.

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The Man Who Laughs. The man whose ha! ha! reaches from one end of the street to the other may be the same fellow who soiled his wife and spanked the baby before he got his breakfast, but his laughter is only the crackle of thorns under the pot. The man who spreads his laughter through his life—before a late breakfast when he misses the train; when his wife goes visiting and he has to eat a cold supper; the man who can laugh when he finds a button off his shirt, when the furnace fire goes out in the night, and both of the twins come down with the measles at the same time—he's the fellow that's needed. He never tells his neighbor to have faith; somehow he puts faith into him. He delivers no homilies; the sight of his beaming face, the sound of his happy voice, and the sight of his blessed daily life, carry convictions that words have no power to give. The blues flee before him as the fog before the west wind; he comes into his own home like a flood of sunshine over a meadow of blooming buttercups, and his wife and children blossom in his presence like June roses. His home is redolent with sympathy and love. The neighborhood is better for his life, and somebody will learn of him that laughter is better than tears. The world needs this man. Why are there so few of them? Can he be created? Can he be evolved? Why is he not in every house, turning rain into shine and winter into summer all round the year, until life is a perpetual season of joy?

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"Aristocrats and peasants alike appreciate the perfect physique of a fine horse. I, too, admire a beautiful horse, and I know that infinite care is bestowed on horse breeding, but I never heard of such a folly as putting on a corset in order to render the figure and beauty of the horse more perfect. Whether lord or peasant attempted such an act of folly, he would be looked upon as a fool. Yet what man would think laughable for animals is adopted by women with zeal. A corset, or so-called corset, is laced so tightly over breast and waist that women can scarcely breathe; of course this can only result in injury to the health. The blood must nourish and warm all parts of the body, and to do this it must flow uninterruptedly through the proper channels. Part of the veins and arteries lie near the surface, while others lie deeper, and it is easy to see that those parts of the body which are compressed by tight lacing cannot be properly nourished; and without nourishment they become weak and diseased. By tight lacing healthy growth is stopped. I know a man able and clever in every way who had heard of the corset and its evil results. His daughter obtained one secretly, wearing it only on Sundays and holidays. When the father found that his girl was using this instrument of torture he took a cord, made one or two knots in it, and whipped her until she promised never in her life again to wear it. He was right and I have a great respect for him. Why is it that the country people only wear corsets on Sundays and festivals? For the simple reason that they cannot do their work in a corset, which deprives them of strength, activity and vitality."

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